(ii) 75 per cent of the sample beneficiaries felt the assistance was sufficient to acquire the assets under the scheme;

(iii) 40 per cent of the sample beneficiaries derived Rs. 2,000 or more incremental income from the assets provided;

(iv) 72 per cent of the sample beneficiaries had their assets intact at the time of survey; and

(v) about 50 per cent of all beneficiaries had a family income between Rs. 2,000 and Rs. 3,500 at the time of assistance, about 40 per cent had income between Rs. 1,000 and Rs. 2,000 and about 10 per cent had income below Rs. 1,000.

The findings for October-November, 1985 have been brought to the notice of State Government's Banking Division, (Department of Economic Affairs), RBI and NABARD with the request to take immediate corrective action.

Production of foodgrains in rabi and kharif seasons

1952. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the food production in the forthcoming rabi season is likely to break all previous records;

(b) whether the target of 71 million tonnes of rabi crop is likely to be achieved;

(c) the total rabi crop production during 1984-85 and kharif crop in 1985-86; and

(d) whether these targets are likely to be more than expected during the current financial year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) Final estimates of production of rabi crops for 1985-86 have not yet become due. In fact the harvesting of rabi crops is yet to commence in many States. However, as per preliminary reports received from the States, prospects of harvesting a record rabi foodgrains production are rated high. Even so, it may not be possible to achieve the targetted level of production of 69.9 million tonnes set for 1985-86.

(c) and (d) Production of rabi foodgrains during 1984 85 is estimated at 61.50 million tonnes. Estimates of Kharif crops during 1985-86 have not yet become available from all the States. Due to aberrations of weather in a number of States, it may not be possible to achieve the target of 89.3 million tonnes of foodgrains for kharif 1985 86.

Indo-Bangladesh talks on sharing of Ganga waters

1953. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state what is the outcome of the Indo-Bangladesh talks on sharing of Ganga waters and other allied matters held in New Delhi on the 27th and 28th February 1986?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): The Second Meeting of the Joint Committee of Experts set up under the Memorandum of Understanding took place on 27th and 28th February, 1986 at New Delhi. At this meeting some data were exchanged and preliminary appraisal of the data collected was done. It was also decided that the technical experts would meet again soon for a detailed review of the information already exchanged, the identification of additional data needed and the appraisal thereof.